

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
THE GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
CLASS OF 2014**

- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is proud to honor 13 graduating students (Bianca T. Barker, Michael J. Eloy, Michael Glanton, Jr., Jacqueline Hathaway, Donna Hubbard, Kimberly James, Bejanae Kareem, Charisse LaVell, Patience Person, Denise Riley, Shanda Ross, Benjamin Straker, Anthony Tucker) of the 2014 Clayton County Grassroots Leadership Institute (GRLI). As part of the 13 week curriculum developed by the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership, various community leaders were brought in to instruct students on leadership development, the building of communities through collaborations, effective communication, understand and valuing diversity, group dynamics, conflict resolution, how to conduct a successful meeting, and economic development; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission since 2005 of the Grassroots Leadership Institute is to identify, train, and nurture emerging leaders to better serve the needs of the Clayton County community. GRLI's purpose is to prepare a generation of leaders to meet future community challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** The students are assigned the task of developing and implementing community service related events as part of their participation. The events can range from workshops to seminars, to various other activities that help to raise citizen awareness and provide viable solutions towards improving the overall community. The 2014 class hosted the Best of Clayton Resource Fair at Hearts to Nourish Hope by bringing awareness to the numerous community resources offered by business and non-profit organizations in Clayton County; and
- WHEREAS:** The Board of Commissioners congratulates the Grassroots Leadership Institute Class of 2014 for taking the lead in addressing key issues in the community that will truly benefit all residents of Clayton County, Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby support and proudly acknowledge the 2014 graduating class of the Clayton County Grassroots Leadership Institute for a job well done.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 21st day of October in the year two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman